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1. SUMMARY: AGATT OFFICE VISITED BY REPS OF JAPANESE COMPANY PRODUCING OPP FOR NON-FOOD USE. COMPANY GIVEN RATHER COOL RECEPTION AT MHW RECENTLY WHEN THEY OFFERED TO SUBMIT SEPARATE OPP PETITION IN JAPANESE; WERE TOLD MHW NEEDS NO MORE EVIDENCE ON SAFETY OF PRODUCT BUT MUST HAVE MORE EVIDENCE THAT QTE NEED IS REAL UNQTE. END SUMMARY.

2. AGATT OFFICE VISITED JUNE 4 BY M. KAIDA, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND S. UEOKU, CHEMIST, OF SANKO CHEMICAL CO., LTD TOKYO. KAIDA EXPLAINED THAT HIS COMPANY HAS BEEN PRODUCING LOW QUALITY OPP FOR OVER 20 YEARS, MAINLY FOR EXPORT, BUT ALSO FOR DOMESTIC USE IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY (AS DYE CARRIER) AND AG. CHEM. INDUSTRY (AS AN EMULSIFIER). BUT OLY FOUR MONTHS AGO THEY DEVELOPED NEW PRODUCTION METHOD, IMPROVING QUALITY CONSIDERABLY.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR PREVIOUS ENCOURAGEMENT VIA TELEPHONE KAIDA HAD VISITED MHW WITH MATERIAL IN JAPANESE ON OPP. HOWEVER, HE SAID MHW REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT, IN
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EFFECT TELLING HIM THEY'D CALL HIM IF THEY NEEDED HIS

HELP. THEY TOLD HIM THEY HAD ADEQUATE DATA ON PRODUCT'S SAFETY BUT IN ORDER TO GET QTE THE NATIONAL CONSENSUS REQUIRED UNQTE THEY NEEDED MORE EVIDENCE RE NEED OF PRODUCT. QTE NEED UNQTE WAS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS, IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: NEEDED BY (A) JAPAN'S CONSUMERS, (B) BY DOMESTIC FRUIT GROWERS, AND (LEAST OF ALL) (C) BY IMPORTERS.

4. KAIDA SAID HE LEARNED FROM HIS VISIT TO MHW THAT PROBLEM IS POLITICAL NOT SCIENTIFIC. BUT DESPITE OUR STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT, HE MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO CONTACT ANY DIET MEMBERS, ETC., TO HELP EXPEDITE THE CONSENSUS PROCESS. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF HIS LOBBIEST FRIENDS AT DIET TOLD HIM OPP AND TBZ WOULD BE APPROVED WITHIN 3 TO 5 MONTHS BUT AT LOWER TOLERANCE LEVELS THAN RECOMMENDED BY CODEX (PROBABLY 5 PPM).

5. FYI: BOTH MAINICHI AND NIHON KEIZAI PAPERS RAN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON MAY 30 RE ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN CPI DURING MAY, POINTING OUT THAT INCREASES IN VEGETABLE AND LEMON PRICES WERE MAIN CAUSES.
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